duced an excise duty on matches and Cochin being a small speck on the continent of India the Government have found that it is necessary to conform to the taxation that has been introduced into British India. A bill has been accordingly prepared and that is the bill before the House. Since I understand that there is a desire that the provisions of this bill might be got examined by a select committee I shall be presently moving that this bill be referred to a select committee. With these observations, I move that the bill may beread in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The title of the Bill is the Cochin Matches Excise Duty Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that a select committee of this House consisting of the following members may be appointed to examine this bill:—The Diwan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer, Messrs. C. A. Ouseph, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, P. Krishna Menon, George Chakyamuri, the Excise Commissioner and the Government Advocate.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I ask you to put down the name of Mr. Pettah also?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—There is a rule that ordinarily the number must not exceed seven.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Since he is an economist I suggested his name.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I may be excluded from the committee.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Then Mr. Pettah may also be included.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The committee is to report within two months. The Diwan Peishkar is to be the Chairman.

The Cochin Rubber Control Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Here is another measure, about which I hear from the talk I had with various members of the House, there is a desire that the bill should be examined in

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more detail. The rubber control has been a matter of long standing controversy and a decision has been recently arrived at by an international committee. The Government of India has chosen to join that scheme and it is obvious that we could not stand out of the scheme. Legislation has been introduced on this in British India. I beg to move that this bill may be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Sir, before proceeding further may I ask whether the House will be given chance to ventilate their views on certain aspects of the Regulation?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is at a later stage. Now it is going to be referred to a select committee.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are you going to discuss the principle of the bill?

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Not on the principle of the bill. It is on the details of the bill that I want to speak.

President.—It can be done after the select committee has reported.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The title of the Bill is the Cochin Rubber Control Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I beg to move that a committee consisting of the following members may be appointed to examine the bill. The Secretary to the Diwan, the Excise Commissioner, Messrs. M. A. Chakko, C. Barton Wright, A. Sankara Poduval, Joseph Pettah, P. Krishna Menon and the Government Advocate.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I propose the name of Mr. A. Eachara Menon also.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I have no objection.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The committee is to report within two months and the Government Advocate is to be the Chairman.

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